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Clay Springs Permittee

Dear Permittee

On January 28, 2019, Matt, Kendell, and Andy met with you and your son to discuss the 2019 Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the Clay Springs Allotment. The pasture rotation and numbers agreed upon are as follows:

<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Pasture</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Clay Springs	Town	18 c/c	March 01 to March 31
Clay Springs	+IL	18 c/c	April 1 to April 30
Clay Springs	Summer North	18 c/c	May 01 to May 31
Clay Springs	Summer North	32 c/c	June 01 to July 31
Clay Springs	Summer South	32 c/c	August 1 to October 31
Clay Springs	Town	18 c/c	November 01 to December 15
Clay Springs	+IL	18 c/c	December 16 to January 16
Clay Springs	Powerline	18 c/c	January 17 to February 22
Clay Springs	New Tank HP	18 c/c	February 23 to February 28

Utilization for the 2019 grazing season should not exceed an average of 30% in all pastures on key herbaceous species and 45% on key browse species. Adjustments to this rotation may be needed during the grazing season. Any adjustments to the rotation need to be coordinated and approved by Forest Service one week prior to the scheduled move date. When moving between pastures, livestock need to be completely moved out of the pasture within 3 days of the planned rotation date. You must notify the Forest Service if there is a need to deviate away from the planned move date.

By this letter, I also authorize you, or people working for you, to cut, use or remove any trees needed for fence posts and stays for maintenance of structural range improvements within the Clay Springs Allotment. A copy of this letter must be in possession with you while engaged in any tree cutting.

Also discussed at the AOI meeting were current improvement updates on Town Well, associated waterlines and drinkers. Please determine a good date to complete the 3 drinkers and approximately ¾ mile pipeline for Powerline and Town Pastures and coordinate with Matt on those updates. In regards to boundary/3-way well waterline, you requested clearance and ability to update existing pipeline and drinkers running to New Tank HP from Town Pasture drinker. Please allow Matt to research and coordinate with other functions to determine clearances needed, or have received, to complete your project.

This year we will be installing and completing Riparian Monitoring points for Cottonwood wash in all pastures of Clay Springs Allotment. These photo points will be used to determine evident changes within the riparian zone and document long-term trends. I would like to offer you the ability to go out with Matt and select and complete monitoring points throughout Clay Springs



Allotment within Cottonwood Wash. If you have any questions, please contact Kendell, Matt, or Andy at Black Mesa, (928)535-7300 or at Lakeside, (928) 368-2100.

This letter will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions for the 2019 grazing year. I am willing to meet with the permittee to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to these Annual Operating Instructions.

Sincerely,



RICHARD D. MADRIL
District Ranger